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Section A

1 The Law of Torts discourages us from doing anything likely to be dangerous to others.

Critically assess the extent to which the rules that determine the standard of care in the tort of negligence enable this aim to be met. [25]

2 False imprisonment arises from a complete deprivation of personal liberty of which the innocent party is aware.

With reference to appropriate case law, consider the accuracy of the above statement. [25]

3 If claimants are partly responsible for the harm done to them, any compensation sought may be reduced to take account of their degree of fault.

Trace developments in statute and case law that have contributed to the present day approach to awards of damages in negligence cases. To what extent do you consider this approach to be satisfactory? [25]

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Section B

4 Mary owns a café. She asks Louise, a professionally trained electrician, to come to her café to repair a fault in the kitchen. She shows Louise to the kitchen and explains the problem to her. Louise receives an electric shock whilst carrying out the repair, which causes severe burns to her right arm.

Three days after the electrical fault is repaired by Louise, a fire breaks out in the kitchen and Nell, one of the café's customers, is overcome by fumes and dies later in hospital.

Assess Mary's potential liability, as occupier of the café, for the burns received by Louise and for Nell's death. [25]

5 Chiltern Electronics manufactures memory cards for the computer industry. In order to meet market demand, the production machinery needs to run 24 hours per day, 7 days a week.

Storms bring down overhead power cables and the electricity supply to the factory is cut for 48 hours. EnergyCorp is responsible for electricity supply in the area. The electricity could have been restored within six hours, but the company had recently reduced its number of staff to such an extent that it could no longer respond quickly to emergencies.

Chiltern Electronics now seeks damages in negligence from EnergyCorp for the profit that would have been made on the lost sales of memory cards. Chiltern Electronics also claims for the loss of profit from future sales to potential customers who have lost confidence in the business.

Consider any defence that EnergyCorp may raise to an action in negligence. Assess the extent to which Chiltern Electronics might be compensated for losses identified above. [25]

6 Steven is an amateur archaeologist and has a significant collection of interesting items. He decides to turn his house and garden into a museum which he will open to the public.

He engages the services of a firm of builders and landscape gardeners to do the work which takes several months to complete. The local people are annoyed by the dust and noise created by the work.

The neighbours also complain about the increased traffic that visitors to the museum will bring and the lack of suitable parking spaces for visitors' cars.

Discuss the rights and possible remedies of Steven's neighbours based in the tort of private nuisance. [25]

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